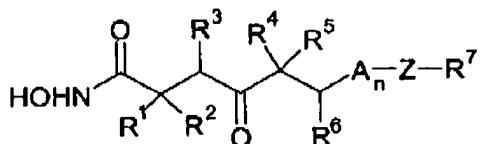


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Claim Listing:

1. (Currently amended) A compound selected from the group of compounds represented by Formula (I):



wherein:

R¹ and R⁴ are, independently of each other, hydrogen or alkyl;

R² is: (i) cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aralkenyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkenyl, heterocyclo or heterocycloalkyl; or
(ii) -(alkylene)-B¹-X where B¹ is -O-, -NR⁸, -S(O)_n- (where n is 0, 1 or 2), -C=O, -CONR⁸, -NR⁸SO₂- or -C(=NR⁸)NR⁸SO₂- (where R⁸ is H or alkyl), and X is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl; or
(iii) (alkylene)-B¹-X where B¹ is -NR⁸CO- (where R⁸ is H or alkyl), and X is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl; or
(iv) R² and R³ form an alkylene or heteroalkylene chain;

R³ is hydrogen or alkyl;

R⁶ is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl;

R⁵ is:

(i) hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aralkenyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, heteroalkyl, or -(alkylene)-C(O)-X¹ where X¹ is alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkyloxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyloxy or NR'R'' (where R' and R'' are independently H or alkyl, or R' and R'' form an alkylene chain); or

(ii) R⁵ and R⁴ form an alkylene chain; or

(iii) R⁵ and R⁶ form an alkylene chain;

n is 0 or 1;

A is -(C=O)-CH(R⁹)-(CH₂)_m-N(R¹⁰)- wherein:

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m is an integer from 0-5 inclusive;

R⁹ is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heterocycloalkyl, heteroalkyl, or -(alkylene)-C(O)-X¹ where X¹ is alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkyloxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyloxy or NR'R'' (where R' and R'' are independently H or alkyl, or R' and R'' form an alkylene chain); and

R¹⁰ is hydrogen, alkyl, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl;

Z is Y-B² wherein:

Y is alkylene or a bond; and

B² is -CONR⁸- , -SO₂ , or -SO₂NR⁸- (where R⁸ is hydrogen or alkyl), alkylene (optionally substituted by hydroxy, alkoxy, amino, monoalkylamino, or dialkylamino) or a bond;

R⁷ is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl;

provided that when n = 0 and Z is SO₂, then R² does not contain an imidazole group; and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts [.,] prodrugs, individual isomers, and mixtures of isomers.

2. (Original) The compound of Claim 1 wherein:

n is 0.

3. (Original) The compound of Claim 2 wherein R³ and R⁶ are hydrogen.

4. (Original) The compound of Claim 3, wherein:

R² is aralkyl or heteroaralkyl.

5. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 4 wherein:

Z is -S(O)₂-.

6. (Original) The compound of Claim 5 wherein:

Z is -C(O)O- or -S(O)₂-.

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7. (Original) The compound of Claim 6 wherein, R² is 4-t-butoxybenzyl, 3-chlorobenzyl, 3-indolylmethyl, 2-thienylmethyl, 4-imidazolylmethyl or 4-thiazolylmethyl.

8. (Original) The compound of Claim 7 wherein R² is 4-thiazolylmethyl.

9. (Original) The compound of Claim 8 wherein:
R⁷ is aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl.

10. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 8 wherein:
R⁷ is optionally substituted benzyl.

11. (Original) The compound of Claim 9 wherein:
Z is SO₂- and R⁷ is aryl or heteroaryl.

12. (Original) The compound of Claim 10, wherein:
R¹ and R⁴ are hydrogen and R⁵ is alkyl.

13. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim 12 wherein R⁵ is [(S,S)-] 1-methylpropyl.

14. (Original) The compound of Claim 11, wherein:
R¹ and R⁴ are hydrogen and R⁵ is alkyl.

15. (Original) The compound of Claim 14 wherein R⁵ is [(S,S)-] 1-methylpropyl.

16. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim 3, wherein:
R² is (alkylene)-B¹-X where B¹ is -O-, -NR⁸-, -S(O)_n- (where n is 0, 1 or 2), -C=O, -CONR⁸-, -NR⁸CO₂-, -NR⁸SO₂- or -C(=NR⁸)NSO₂- C(=NR⁸)NR⁸SO₂- (where R⁸ is H or alkyl), and X is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl.

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17. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 16, wherein:

Z is $-S(O)_2-$.

18. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 17, wherein

R² is CH₂-B¹-X and B¹ is -NHCO₂- and X is benzyl.

19. (Original) The compound of Claim 18 wherein:

R⁷ is aryl or aralkyl.

20. (Original) The compound of Claim 19, wherein:

R¹ and R⁴ are hydrogen and R⁵ is alkyl.

21. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim 20 wherein R⁵ is [(S,S)-] 1-methylpropyl.

22. (Original) The compound of Claim 1 wherein:

n is 1.

23. (Original) The compound of Claim 22 wherein m is 0 and R³ and R⁶ are hydrogen.

24. (Original) The compound of Claim 23, wherein:

R² is aralkyl or heteroaralkyl.

25. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 24, wherein:

Z is $-S(O)_2-$.

26. (Original) The compound of Claim 25, wherein:

Z is $-C(O)O-$ or $-S(O)_2-$.

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27. (Original) The compound of Claim 26 wherein R² is 4-t-butoxybenzyl, 3-chlorobenzyl, 3-indolyl methyl, 2-thienylmethyl, 4-imidazolylmethyl or 4-thiazolylmethyl.

28. (Original) The compound of Claim 27 wherein R² is 4-thiazolylmethyl.

29. (Original) The compound of Claim 28 wherein:

R⁷ is aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Original) The compound of Claim 29 wherein:

Z is -SO₂- and R⁷ is aryl.

32-33. (Cancelled)

34. (Original) The compound of Claim 31, wherein:

R¹ and R⁴ are hydrogen and R⁵ is alkyl.

35. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim 34 wherein R⁵ is [[(S,S)-]] 1-methylpropyl.

36. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim 23, wherein:

R² is (alkylene)-B¹-X where B¹ is O-, -NR⁸-, S-, -C=O, -CONR⁸-, -NR⁸CO₂-, -NSO₂- or -C(-NR⁸)NSO₂- (where R⁸ is H or alkyl), and X is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl.

37. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 36, wherein:

Z is -S(O)₂.

38. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 37, wherein R² is CII₂-B¹-X and B¹ is

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-NHCO₂- and X is benzyl.

39. (Original) The compound of Claim 38 wherein:

R⁷ is aryl or aralkyl.

40. (Original) The compound of Claim 39, whercin:

R¹ and R⁴ are hydrogen and R⁵ is alkyl.

41. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim 40 whercin R⁵ is [[(S,S)-]] 1-methylpropyl.

42. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

43-47. (Cancelled)

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